



Champions of the Environment Grant Award Information

Rewarding K-12 teachers and students doing their part for the environment!

Up to eight Major grants will be awarded in November. Smaller Merit and Seedling grants will also be available.

In addition to the money, major grant winners also get:

- A TV commercial made about their project
- Their project listed on the Champions' Web site
- Top winners are invited to be recognized at the annual DHEC Earth Day Awards

Who is eligible to apply?

- South Carolina's K-12 students, teachers and environmental educators who are working on an environmental project.
- Applicants may be school groups, clubs or individual students in a public, private or home school program.
- Eligible projects must address an environmental issue in one or more of the following categories: prevention or reduction of pollution in the air, water or land; waste reduction; recycling; restoration, preservation or enhancement of natural areas; water or energy efficiency.
- Eligible projects must also educate the community and make a lasting difference to the environment.

When to apply:

- Applications must be received by October 15th.
- Winners will be notified by November 5th.

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To apply:

- Submit the application electronically from the Champions' Grant Award Web page.
- If you have any questions about the application or cannot access the electronic version please, call the Champions coordinator at **(803) 898-4183** or send an email to **champs@dhec.sc.gov**.

Projects are judged on:

- Benefits to the environment
- Student education and involvement
- Outreach - to students, parents and/or the community

Winners agree to:

- Use the award as stated in the application.
- Submit a summary report about the project.
- Top winners will be invited to be recognized at the annual DHEC Earth Day Awards.

Checklist for applicants:

- Application form and narrative section filled out
- Application submitted electronically by October 15th

Please remember!

- To be considered, the application must be complete.
- The information that you submit is subject to public release.
- The Champions' selection committee reserves the right to change the number of awards offered as based on funding availability.

For more information:

- Visit **www.scdhec.gov/champions**, to learn more about the Champions of the Environment program. On the Web site you can find out about past winners and get some ideas for an environmental project. You can also call the Champions' Coordinator at **(803) 898-4183**, or send an email to **champs@dhec.sc.gov**.



This could be your school! Send in your application!